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Applicant(s): Baker et al.

Invention: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING ANASTOMOTIC CONNECTIONS LARGER THAN THE GRAFT CONDUIT

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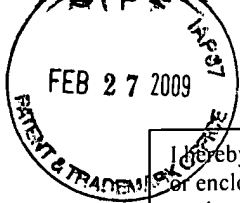
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Madam:

This response is filed in reply to the outstanding non-Final Office Action, mailed on January 12, 2009, in connection with the above application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.